



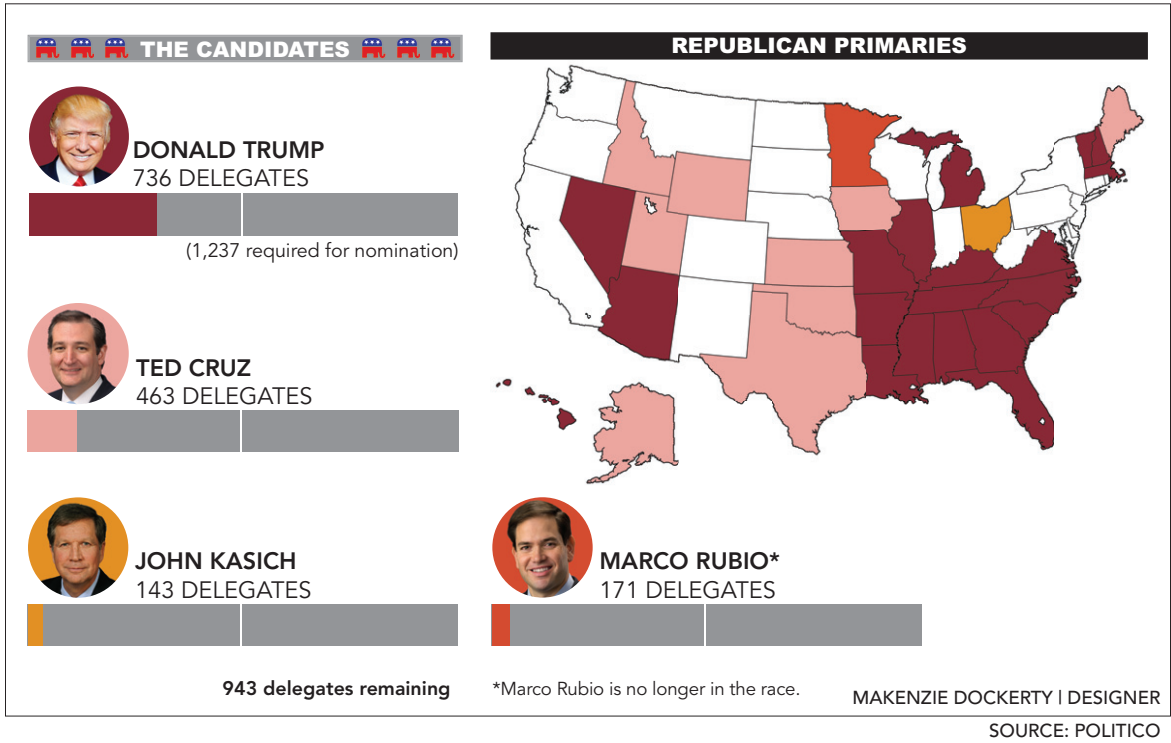
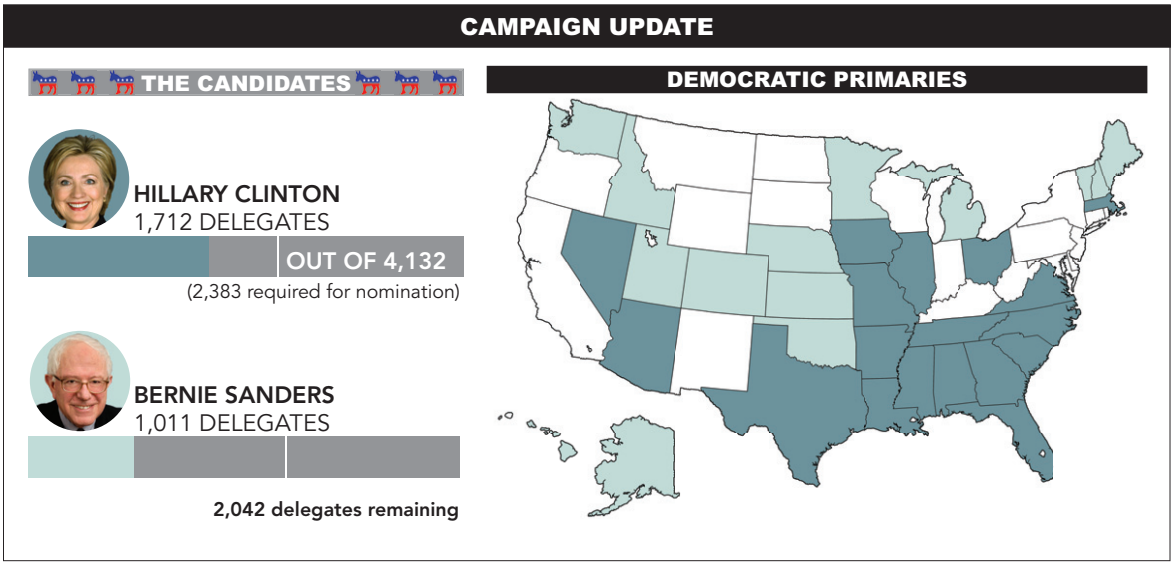
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Northwest Greek Life participated in the Olympiad portion of Greek Week, Monday March 28. Sigma Tau Gamma and Alpha Sigma Alpha placed first in the race.

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No clear winner as primaries near end

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The race to the White House is getting tighter as Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton and Republican frontrunner Donald Trump seek to secure the nomination.

Last week's primary elections made it difficult for the other candidates to get the set number of delegates to secure the nomination.

Just like this entire election, there were a couple surprises in last week's primaries. Donald Trump secured a victory in Arizona, winning all 58 delegates by 47 percent of the popular vote.

Hillary Clinton won Arizona with 57 percent of the popular vote over Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Over the past weekend primary elections were held in Washington, Hawaii and Alaska where Sanders won them all, catching up to Clinton's delegate lead.

"I don't think Sanders has a shot even with his victory," Northwest student Thomas Lopez said. "I would rather Sanders win the nominee, but Hillary's delegate count is way too high."

Clinton holds 1,712 delegates and 469 super delegates compared to Sanders' 1,011 delegates and 31 superdelegates. In order for Sanders to win it, he would need to win every upcoming primary election.

"I think that the Democratic party is a mess. Hillary can't stick to

one view point and seems to change with popular opinion on issues," junior Courtney Coble said. "I honestly think Trump has some great ideas on securing the borders if he wasn't such a hot head saying the wrong things, he could win it all."

For the Republican side, the election gets complicated. There are still 944 delegates to be won until June 15. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio's 163 delegates are still his after he dropped out.

With the primary election coming up in New York, Trump is polling first with 58 percent of the votes, with Ted Cruz polling at only 16 percent.

There is still a chance for Cruz to catch up or at least stall Trump's chances of securing the nomination. A brokered convention is not impossible. Some people have expressed concerns about the two front runners for the political parties.

"I heard on the news that about 60 percent of our nation would be scared if Trump got elected and 30 percent if Hillary got elected. With these stats I am very confused why they're the front runners," junior Allyson Recic said. "I am very confused why they're the front runners when we have a very capable candidate like Ted Cruz."

The next primary election will take place April 5 with California and Wisconsin performing their civic duty.

Missouri Senate approves religious protection bill, moves to House

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The Missouri Senate has passed a proposal to add greater religious protections to the state constitution for some business owners and individuals opposed to gay marriage.

Senators voted 23-7 to give the measure final approval following a Democratic filibuster.

If passed by the state's House of Representatives, the bill will move to the voters for approval in the fall.

The measure highlights a national debate over how to balance the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and religious liberties.

The legislation would allow the Missouri Constitution to stop government penalties against those who cite a sincere religious belief.

Those who have a sincere religious belief would be able to decline providing goods and services for same-sex marriage ceremonies or ensuing celebrations. It would also allow businesses to refuse service to same-sex couples.

The measure cites preachers, priests, photographers and florists as examples of those who could be covered. It would also let clergy, churches and other worship places to decline participation.

Democrats who argued it would allow discrimination against LGBT people stalled an initial vote on the measure.

Republicans used a rare procedural move to end, according to the

Missouri Times, what was the longest continuous filibuster in recent state history.

Frustrated Democrats continued to delay work in the Senate. Their pushback included nearly six hours spent reviewing and debating what is in the official state record before the measure came up for a final vote.

Some Democratic lawmakers invoked images of an era when businesses refused to serve people because of the color of their skin. Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City said the bill could allow businesses to hang signs banning LGBT people.

"It's wrong, and we shouldn't do it. Generations from now, people will look back on what we've done and they'll be ashamed of us," Holsman said.

The proposal is among the latest efforts by Republican lawmakers in reaction to the high court's ruling.

Northwest junior Heaven Hayward believes the ruling will only create more trouble.

"I think it's a bad idea because it invites a lot of room for loopholes," Hayward said. "I don't think that anyone should be forced to do something that they don't want to do, but I think passing a law that is more for those of a Christian religion than anyone else shows a preference for one religion over another. It's a mistake. There is a lot of tension right now having to do with basic rights, and I don't think people in charge of making laws are considering what

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State Sen. Greg Kirk, R-Americus, spoke on the bill that would have provided religious exemptions in the wake of last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing gay marriage Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, in Atlanta.

Georgia governor vetoes state's religious protection bill

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ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia's term-limited Gov. Nathan Deal took a stand against his own party and averted threatened boycotts by major corporations on Monday by announcing his veto of a "religious freedom" bill.

"I do not think that we have to discriminate against anyone to protect the faith-based community in Georgia," the Republican governor declared.

Religious conservatives had campaigned hard for Deal's signature, but the industries he has recruited to Georgia also applied pressure.

The NFL warned that Atlanta's bid for the 2019 or 2020 Super Bowl

could be in jeopardy. Technology firms, led by Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff, asked for Deal's veto. The Walt Disney Company, Marvel Studios and dozens of Hollywood figures vowed to take projects elsewhere, despite Georgia's generous tax credits for the film industry. Multimillion-dollar events and investments were threatened.

Lawmakers around the nation are advancing "religious freedom" measures, which have passed at least one chamber in ten states: Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. But Deal said only the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution can protect people of faith — along with

everybody else.

"If indeed our religious liberty is conferred by God and not by man-made government, we should heed the 'hands-off' admonition of the First Amendment to our Constitution," Deal said. "When legislative bodies attempt to do otherwise, the inclusions and omissions in their statutes can lead to discrimination, even though it may be unintentional. That is too great a risk to take."

Deal's veto stands in sharp contrast to North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory's signature last week on a law that prohibits local anti-discrimination ordinances and obligates transgender people to use restrooms

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Academy students named in Missouri Scholars 100

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In keeping with a 10-year strong tradition, the Missouri Academy has once again had student representation in the Missouri Scholars 100.

This year the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing at Northwest boasts two students recognized by the Missouri Scholars 100, Jinwoo Choi, 19, and Jamie Wise, 18.

The Missouri Scholars 100 is a program sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP).

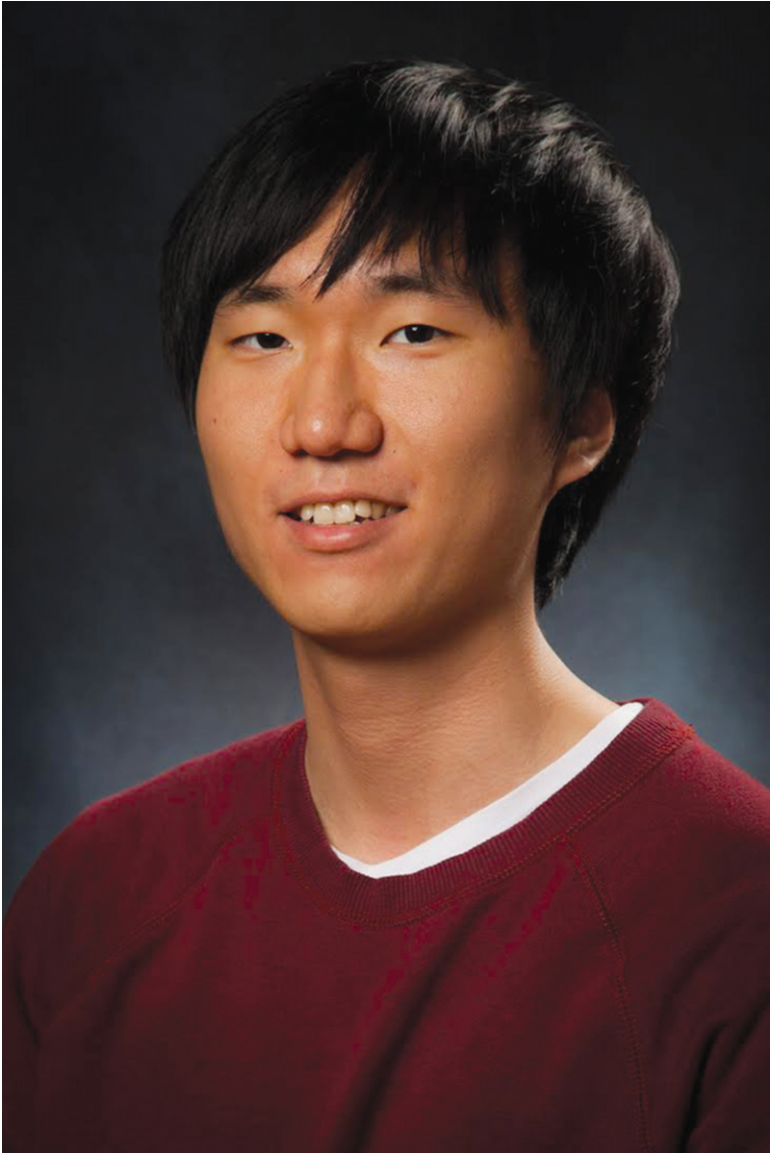
It is an elite program that requires students to have a minimum of 3.75 GPA, an ACT score of at least 29 and complete an academic decathlon demonstrating the student's scholastic strength.

Other requirements include ranking in the top 10 percent of the student's high school class and successfully completing upper level courses in both math, science, English and foreign language. As the name suggests, only 100 Missouri students are recognized each year.

"The decathlon was a way to evaluate each nominee based on their accomplishments. I scored a 34 on my ACT and have a 4.0 GPA at the Missouri Academy. I am the Vice President of Model United Nations and a Community Leader at the Missouri Academy. These achievements and experiences were all factored into the selection process," Jamie Wise said.

After graduation Wise intends to continue her education, majoring in international/middle eastern studies with an emphasis in pre-law. This is in part because her favorite class is international conflict resolution.

Choi says his favorite class is modern physics, but he's undecided when it comes to future plans. Al-



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Academy students Jamie Wise (left) and Jinwoo Choi (right) represent Northwest in the Missouri Scholars 100.

though he does note, he would like to travel to outer space.

All of the honorees will be recognized Sunday, April 24 at a luncheon in Columbia.

In a Northwest Missouri State University press release Dean of the Missouri Academy Cleo

Samudzi, Ph.D., praised the students' accomplishments.

"These are two very deserving students. They are diligent, very talented and resilient, and contribute significantly to their community. We are thrilled to see Jamie Wise and Jinwoo Choi honored in this way,"

Samudzi said.

Executive Director of MASSP Phil Lewis echoed Samudzi's praises in regard to the student's course work.

"Students who are selected to this program have a taken rigorous course of study and have maintained

the highest academic standards," Lewis said.

"I am extremely honored to have received this award. It is exciting to see my hard work recognized, and I am grateful for all of the people who have helped me reach my goals," Wise said.

Bearcats Going Green races toward end of RecycleMania

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Northwest Missouri State University's participation in RecycleMania is coming to an end as the final week of the competition draws near. RecycleMania is an annual com-

petition focused on motivating people to recycle. Its overall mission is to provide tools and opportunities that inspire, empower and mobilize colleges to improve efforts to reduce or eliminate waste through a fair and friendly competition.

The competition is in its eighth

and final week.

During the competition, colleges across the U.S. and Canada reported the amount of trash and recycled materials collected each week to RecycleMania. The colleges then received weekly rankings where they can see how they rank among other schools.

The Bearcats Going Green club helped promote RecycleMania on campus throughout the competition. The organization held events during basketball games, handed out fliers and will be participating in Greek Week to further promote RecycleMania in its final week.

Bearcats Going Green member sophomore Lindsey Donaldson explained the club's involvement and the importance of the competition.

"To promote the competition we set up a table at the basketball games, having raffles to give away prizes such as t-shirts, gift cards and tablets. We also had public service announcements to explain the event," Donaldson said. "The competition is important because it gives students incentive to go out of their way to recycle, as well as give us the opportunity to promote recycling."

RecycleMania started in 2001 as a challenge between Ohio University and Miami University to motivate their student bodies to recycle more. The schools decided to invite other

colleges to join the friendly competition and RecycleMania has been an annual contest ever since.

In 2004, RecycleMania partnered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency WasteWise program to develop a website and provide support. The competition continued to grow with over 400 schools competing each year.

John Viau is the sustainability coordinator at Northwest. He hopes that students will see that they can make a difference with their recycling habits.

"Even the smallest effort to promote positive change is still a move in the right direction," Viau said. "As the leaders of the future, their habits and behaviors will shape our society for generations."

Junior Bibek Maharjan is an international student from Nepal who thinks RecycleMania is a good thing.

"Reusing is so important. Programs like RecycleMania will help make people more aware of how much trash they are throwing away," Maharjan said. "It makes people more environmentally conscious."

Northwest has participated in RecycleMania since 2005. Last year, Northwest diverted 44,680 pounds of food, 8,148 pounds of cans and bottles and 55,910 pounds of mixed paper.

Since 1982, Northwest has used

various alternative fuels. More than 50 percent of Northwest's energy needs are met through wood chips and paper pellets.

In 1993, a paper collective program was established to turn recycled materials into an alternative fuel for Northwest's boiler plant.

Northwest has also been ranked among the top 10 universities in the nation twice in the past three years and is a three-time winner of the Missouri State Recycling Program's Annual Recycling Award.

Northwest is a member of the Missouri Recycling Association and the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education and an EPA Wastewise Partner.

"In 2015, recycling generated more than \$25,000 in revenue," Viau said. "Meaning that our 43 percent campus waste diversion generated enough money to almost completely cover our landfill costs for the year."

At this point in the competition, for Grand Champion Northwest is ranked 87 out of 198. The last day of RecycleMania is April 2, and the last day to report weights of recycled materials is April 11. The final results of the competition will be released April 18.



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City Council approves three upcoming events

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The city council approved three new events that will take place around the Maryville community.

One event is the April Memorial 5K Memorial Walk Oct. 1. April Lawyer was a grade school teacher who worked with special needs students. The requirements for the run include having two intersections blocked off for participants.

The next event approved was the Country Showdown Event. Participants will compete at Burny's Sports Bar and perform their musical talents June 11.

The last event is Extreme Cowboy Racing Events at Mozingo Lake April 2, April 30, May 14 and May 15. This event will be an equestrian camp for younger kids who are interested in horses.

Each event has a wide variety of age divisions with more than 200 participants.

New Business was the presentation of the proposed Watson 9 Junior Golf Foundation. The Watson 9 is the golf course at Mozingo Lake, recently ranked one of Golf Magazine's top 15 best national courses across the country.

The Junior Golf Foundation raised funds to pay for the course. Since it was able to help fund the course, it now wants to start a junior golf program that will help build golf interest at a young age in the community. Scholarships are available to families who cannot afford lessons.

City Manager Greg McDanel believes this course will bring many tourists including college universities wanting to use the course.

"Mozingo already has been



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The new Tom Watson Junior Course was ranked in the top 15 best national courses in the country by Golf Magazine.

a great place for the city of Maryville. Just last week Grace-land University hosted a golf tournament with over 200 people in attendance," McDanel said. "I know once we open this new course dozens of people across the area will

becoming to use the facility."

Maryville's local elections will take place April 5. Mayor Renee Reidel is running unopposed for her seat on the council, but she said she will not retain her position as mayor.

"I want to spend time with my

family and help run our business, Carson's," Reidel said. "I love the Maryville community, and I want to stay on the council and continue to watch our city thrive."

Also the election will include the local school board, which has

two unopposed candidates, as well as two tax initiatives supporting Mozingo Lake. The first is a renewal of an existing tax that supports the park's operations. The second is a new tax supporting construction of a conference center at the lake.

College students remain highly targeted by identity theft scams

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College students are left in the clutches of those looking to take advantage of the ill-informed and unwary in the form of fraudulent accounts of identity theft.

According to The Federal Trade Commission, 31 percent of identity theft victims are part of the 18-29 age group. Thieves target this demographic particularly for its clean credit records and lack of overall experience in detecting obvious and other less obvious scams.

Measures to prevent identity theft must be acknowledged by college students as to better protect their personal security.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners lists a few of these measures in a Consumer Alert directed specifically at college students. The advice listed included avoiding carrying Social Security numbers and driver's license together, shredding pre-approved credit card offers and bills before disposing of them, limiting the amount of information placed online, avoiding putting outgoing mail in unsecured campus mailboxes and a healthy dose of caution towards campus solicitors.

Junior Logan Manning offered his insight on protecting both private information and one's personal security online.

"I, personally, never save any private information such as credit card numbers or SSN on my computer," Manning said. "Use caution when downloading anything and only enter private information on trusted sites. While there is a risk of downloading malware alongside other files, it can be almost mitigated if you are careful when downloading those files."

It can be costly to reestablish lost credit or identity. Luckily, identity theft insurance is available from around \$25 to \$60 per year. These services cover the cost of reclaiming your financial identity, including the expenses of making phone call and copies, filing documents, hiring

an attorney and any possible wage losses due to time spent away from work. Victims of fraud can spend a significant amount of time trying to recover the damage to their credit reports and reputations. This can result in students missing out on job opportunities and being denied loans for mortgages, cars, and even further education.

Freshman Brent Bledsoe provided his thoughts on the problem of identity theft.

"I know identity theft is a serious issue in modern times due to the increasing rise of software use which can be used against a person," Bledsoe said. "I protect myself by only using trusted sources and stay-

ing off of pirating sites."

Dorm rooms are listed as a high-risk place for stolen items, including private information in a report done by Police Chief Magazine. They advise to always lock dorm rooms, to never leave personal information in writing or on your voicemail and to not share room keys with anyone.

Identity fraud can happen to anyone and should be reported accordingly. Once someone gains access to forms of personal identification and intends to use them for criminal purposes, there is no stopping them unless safeguards are put in place. Safety should remain a top priority for the vulnerable college student.

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OUR VIEW:

Missouri takes a step backward passing anti-gay bill

Georgia’s governor recently vetoed a bill that protects homophobia. A similar bill was passed in Missouri, leaving us wondering why Missouri is now less progressive than Georgia.

The bill was passed March 9 and protects religious freedoms while permitting discrimination.

This bill, if it becomes law, will allow religious groups and organizations to deny someone because of his or her sexual orientation. This means that any religious group will be protected from facilitating a same-sex marriage.

We saw something like this with the Kim Davis controversy in Kentucky, when Davis refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and was later jailed for refusing to follow a federal court order.

The passing of this bill now allows for someone to discriminate because he or she finds the action immoral.

This bill would allow for someone like Kim Davis to refuse service to a same-sex couple even though they are legally allowed to be together in marriage.

We feel that this bill is a huge step backwards for Missouri. This bill is no different than any other bill that would protect discrimination. Refusing service to anyone because you do not approve of his or her way of life is wrong no matter what.

Although you may not approve

of someone’s ethics or lifestyle does not mean you can refuse service or discriminate. This feels no different than the racial discrimination America saw 60 years ago - which was also justified by many as religious freedom.

To see that America has made such little change in blatant discrimination is wrong and something we are disappointed to see happen in Missouri.

People are allowed to have their own religious views, but when they rely on their religious views to excuse discrimination, they are not doing religion any favors; they are making the religion look worse.

This is a new age, and same-sex marriage is highly accepted. According to the Pew Research Center, in 2001, 57 percent of Americans opposed same-sex marriage. The number of Americans who oppose same-sex marriage in 2015 reached a low at 39 percent with 55 percent now favoring same-sex marriage rights.

These numbers show the changing of minds of Americans as well as the changing of standards and acceptance. The people who still oppose it need to realize that there are things much worse in the world than letting two people of the same sex fall in love and get married.

People who cite religion as the reason for their homophobia are big reasons this country can not move



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forward to a more progressive and peaceful place.

We can understand if a priest or preacher is uncomfortable with facilitating a same-sex marriage, but other organizations need to be hap-

py they are getting the business and accept these people and allow them to get their marriage licenses and wedding cakes.

We must focus on things more important than this. When this bill

appears on ballots statewide in the fall, Missourians need to reject it with a resounding “NO” vote.

A law that protects and encourages discrimination is not a law we want in Missouri.

Socialism is key to improving American economy, society



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America needs reconstruction. As we have seen in the video from The Newsroom, Will McAvoy states why America is not the greatest country in the world anymore.

What would fix this? Some say America is fine just how it is, but there are some of us who know that America needs a revolution. This revolution could come from a number of things, but one thing we need to do before we can make America the greatest again is to ditch capitalism.

Capitalism does not help the people, it does not fairly distribute, it feeds off the hard working and poor. What we need to see is a change toward socialism. Despite what you may have heard about socialism failing in other countries, you do not hear about the successful countries

currently using socialist ideas.

Socialism is not promoting laziness, it does not say that you can live off other people’s work while sitting at home collecting welfare. Socialism will simply redistribute the wealth to those who do not make as much as others. You will not get paid to not work. People will say that socialism is just giving someone money that they didn’t earn. This is wrong, you still have to work, you are just earning more than you would have before.

Think of it as being graded on a curve, you are not going to get an A for not showing up to the test, but if you did not do as well on the test as someone else, you will not be graded as harshly, they will get a lower score while still not being docked anything to close the gap between your lower score and their higher score.

Now that we have a better depiction than socialism being communism as we have always been told, we can understand that socialism would be great for America. The

only reason we have not used it before was because Americans were always afraid to speak for something other than capitalism because as soon as you propose a different idea, you are shunned. If we think about it, America has somewhat used socialist values to get out of downfalls such as the great depression, but we had to call it something else for fear of people not accepting it.

Despite popular belief, socialism works. If we look at the socialist countries, they have a larger wealth distribution, better welfare system, lower homelessness rate, higher education rate, lower crime rate and better overall happiness.

In the majority of large socialist countries, equality is the most important value. Denmark has the best economy right now and is ranked the No. 1 country in the world to live in. Another one of the best countries in the world is Finland. Finland has the best education system with students paying no tuition fees and receiving free meals as well as a literacy rate

of 100 percent. Meanwhile the literacy rate of America has not changed in ten years and shows 21 percent of adults in the United States can not read above a fifth grade reading level. I think it is about time we change that for once.

Socialism works, we just need to open our minds to change and see that capitalism has run its course. We are over capitalism, big business taking over America and taking jobs, we are done with the rich get richer as the poor get nothing. We need help and we need to see change coming in the form of socialism.

Once you retire, you are supposed to be set for the rest of your life, but instead, many retired Americans are having to find a job to get by and working small jobs while still earning nothing. We need to take care of our senior citizens, we need to have better government than what we have.

Government has been a mess for a long time in America, we need to get away from this mess and give people what they need. They need

more affordable things that should be a given but are instead taken away by the rich, the 99 percent and the capitalistic ideas of America. Why do we want rich people in government and big business telling us what we can afford?

Socialism is the new thing America needs. The day we see a turn to socialism is the day we see America become a better place to live, a better country and an affordable place where equality matters. As opposed to the cruel country that tells you what you can afford and which doctors you can see.

If we get our facts straight, we can change America and make it one of the top countries to live in like Canada, Ireland, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. Just to name a couple socialist countries that would be a better place to live in than the capitalist country we are in now.

Let’s come together and see that change get made to make this country a better America.

Millennials ignorant to harmful effects of Socialist values



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Democratic Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders has preached nonstop about his plans for free health care, more government funding to social programs and, of course, free college. Sanders is proud to admit he is a Democratic Socialist.

According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, socialism is a social system or theory in which the government owns and controls the means of production and distribution of goods. Democratic socialists believe that the government should have control over the economy and society.

Older generations are freaking out due to the fact the Millennials are for socialism and rightly so. They have no idea what they are talking about. However, there is hope.

According to an article from the Washington Post, once Millennials obtain their first real job and see how much is taken out of their paycheck by Uncle Sam, they become fiscally conservative after long hours of labor and hard work. This

trend is very popular among generations. Baby Boomers flip flopped in the 90s from socialism to capitalism. Winston Churchill said it best, if you’re under 35 and not a liberal, you have no heart, and if you’re over 35 and not a conservative, then you don’t have a brain.

Karl Marx, from the late 19th century is the founder of socialism. Many argue European countries are so lucky to have all the free assets. News flash: it’s not free. Think this is great? Ask Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Greece, Denmark and Germany, just to name a few countries where the economy crashed and burned.

In 2002, the European Union decided to change every European country’s currency to the Euro. Sounds reasonable, since Europe has so many different countries in a smaller landmass. Wrong. Currency’s worth vary all over the world. Greece agreed, but had to pay more money than it was given. The Greek government paid out huge amounts of money it didn’t have. Employees had great benefits, retired very young, and public sector employees have high wages. This all sounds great but with these benefits, there comes a price.

Greece is known for having ridiculously high tax rates. Corporate

tax rates are 29 percent, social security 42 percent, and personal income tax rates are 46 percent. This means revenue is severely limited. So, since the money ran out, Athens asked European banks for loans. The government borrowed billions and did not pay it back. This caused the country to raise taxes, causing wages to drop, retirement age to skyrocket and large cuts to be taken from social programs to repay the debt. Riots have been breaking out all over the country.

Why is this important? If Greece decides to default on its debt, stock markets in the United States will drastically drop and German and French banks would also need to be bailed out. When the money is gone, so is the demand.

Denmark also had issues with socialism. Students in Denmark who go off to study at a university receive free tuition that is paid by high taxes, 56 percent, and a \$1,000 stipend each year. Most students graduate in 6.1 years on average. Students take as much time as possible when studying to get a degree. Except, if a student graduates and wants to purchase his or her first car, he or she has to pay a 180 percent tax rate.

Finally, universal health care has been a hot topic since Obamacare

was passed in 2008. My personal experience dealing with Obamacare has not been fun. Last month I tore a hamstring and had to go to the ER to get X-rays and pain killers. I went to Phelps Regional Medical center in Rolla. I waited three hours in a wheelchair to finally get checked in.

Next I was taken to a nurse and waited another two hours for X-rays and a tranquilizer. I used a private insurer under my mom’s health care plan through her work and still had to wait this long at a hospital. While being discharged, I was told to get treatment by using a physical therapist. I then tried to get new patient care around Maryville with my insurance, (not Obamacare, yet we still pay for it) and was told I had to be referred. Since anyone is able to receive treatment, the time to obtain a specialized doctor takes longer. I tore my hamstring Feb. 27 I started rehab March 28.

I could go on and on for an entire newspaper front and back about why we shouldn’t even think about socialism. A college student who started the free college movement named Keely Mullen, proved that the Millennial generation is so uninformed with her appearance on Fox with Neil Cavuto on why we should have free tuition, \$15 mini-

mum wage, and tax the rich. Cavuto agreed these are great ideas and proceeded to ask her how to pay for it. The girl talked about how her family was on multiple forms of government assistance. Typical.

“Well the 1 percent obviously,” said Mullen. Facepalm. Cavuto then said, “You do understand that you can tax the one percent 100 percent and it will only fund Medicaid for three years. Keely, if you make it to the one percent would you wanna pay 90 percent in taxes?”

She then said “Absolutely. I want to give people an opportunity.” I’m sorry, but call me heartless.

If I make the one percent, I would never willingly agree to be taxed 90 percent to help the middle and bottom class. That is the one percent’s hard earned money. People call them greedy yet they want to take their money to benefit them. What would happen if they stop working? What happens if they are taxed so high they run out of money?

Once the money is cut out, demand is also cut down which means the economy crumbles. Our founding fathers freaked out and revolted to a tax increase on tea. Let’s keep the government out and stick to private sectors.

FEATURED PHOTOS



LEFT: Members of Greek Life competed in the Zues and Hera competition, Tuesday evening. Winners included Abby Haarmann of Sigma Kappa and Zach Nielsen of Sigma Phi Epsilon. RIGHT: Shauna Tomlin representing Sigma Sigma Sigma's Hera nomination, exemplified her patriotism and the theme of Greek Week: America.



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matching their birth certificates. The outcomes highlight the increasing conflicts between the twin pillars of the GOP's power structure — religion and business — in legislatures where Republicans have overwhelming majorities.

McCrory, a 59-year-old Republican seeking a second term in Raleigh, must mobilize his party's core voters in November.

Deal, now 74 and not planning to run again for office, is relatively immune to such pressures. Neither did Deal dwell on social issues in his re-election campaign; instead celebrating Georgia's ranking as the "No. 1 state for business."

Emboldened by the boycott

threats that forced Indiana to revise its "religious freedom" law last year, Georgia's business community formed a coalition of more than 500 companies, including Coca-Cola, Delta Air Lines and other top employers, to counter the measure.

Many have large operations in Atlanta, a city proud of the pragmatic, "too busy to hate" image it fostered in the civil rights era. Back then, Coca-Cola's Robert Woodruff, former mayors William Hartsfield and Ivan Allen and other civic leaders wanted to avoid unrest that might spook companies deciding where to locate their regional headquarters.

But their efforts were focused within the city. The legislature is more unwieldy, with lawmakers representing a blend of urban newcomers and rural southerners.

Georgia legislators had sparred for three years over protecting people whose religious beliefs clash with state and local laws. After the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing gay marriage, proponents pushed even harder.

Legislative leaders finally drafted what they considered a compromise, and only 11 GOP lawmakers joined every Democrat in opposition.

House Speaker David Ralston said he respects Deal's "thoughtful consideration" but doesn't believe the bill permits discrimination.

The measure included language modeled on the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act. People claiming their religious freedoms are burdened could force state and local governments to prove a "compelling" interest in enforcing laws

that conflict with their beliefs.

It also would have protected clergy who decline to perform gay marriages, businesses that turn away customers for religious reasons, and churches and affiliated religious groups that cite faith as a reason for refusing to serve or hire someone.

But Deal said he could "find no examples that any of the things this bill seeks to protect us against have ever occurred in Georgia."

Supporters touted language that the bill did not permit discrimination prohibited by federal or state law. But since Georgia law lacks protections for LGBT people, opponents said the bill would strike local ordinances that do prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Georgia's General Assembly has adjourned for the year, but the issue

is sure to come up again when lawmakers return in January.

"We're not going to quit," said Mike Griffin, spokesman for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. "We definitely don't want to have Gov. Deal listening to Wall Street and Hollywood over the citizens of the state of Georgia who expect him to support religious liberty."

Some Republican strategists hope those efforts will attract less attention to the state.

"Maybe there can be some constructive conversations that take place when the legislature's not in session," said Eric Tanenblatt, who served as chief of staff to former Gov. Sonny Perdue. "From an economic development standpoint, it was not helpful having news stories across the country talking about this issue in Georgia."

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people want, which is counterintuitive to the job they were elected to carry out.

"Honestly, it will just create more problems than it will solve."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Missouri is among more than 20 states that have Religious Freedom Restoration Acts, which states that the government shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion even if the burden results from

a rule of general applicability. Nine states are considering legislation on the topic this year.

Missouri's existing law bans state and local government agencies from limiting people's right to follow their religious beliefs unless there is a compelling reason to do so. The measure passed by the Senate would go further by specifically addressing religious objections to same-sex marriage.

Some Northwest students, while against the idea of same-sex couples being denied their rights, also agree it's wrong to force some-

one to do something he or she believes is religiously wrong.

"I think when it comes to priests, pastors, or preachers, when it's not religion or belief, people should not turn away others based on sexuality. Just because someone is gay it doesn't mean they should be denied," freshman Halston Belcastro said.

If passed by the legislature, this would be on the ballot for Missouri voters either in the August primary or November general election. It does not require the approval of Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon, who opposes it.



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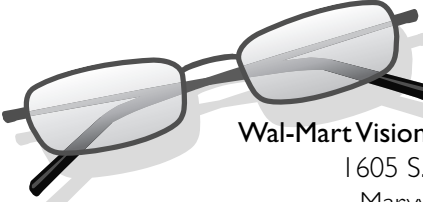


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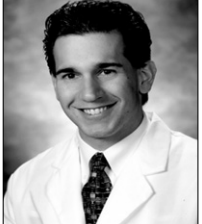
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Coroner releases autopsy results for students

Nodaway County Coroner Dr. Vincent Shelby has released the cause of death for two Northwest students.

Shelby issued a final report March 28 including the cause of death for Northwest students Nicholas Turner and Haily Hayes.

Shelby reported Turner died Jan. 31 due to complications of a seizure disorder. Turner was a junior studying corporate recreation and wellness and a member of the Northwest football team.

Hayes died Jan. 17 due to high concentrations of diphenhydramine, which caused respiratory failure and cardiac arrest.

According to WebMD, diphenhydramine is an antihistamine used to relieve symptoms of allergy, hay fever and the common cold. It is also used to prevent and treat nausea, vomiting and dizziness caused by motion sickness.

Diphenhydramine can also be used to help you relax and fall asleep and is found in over the counter allergy medications such as Benadryl, Dramamine and Nytol.

Shelby said this is something he does not see often.

"It is not something that happens regularly, it is very rare," Shelby said. "That was the only thing I found out of the ordinary."

Hayes was a freshman studying business management and a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

Blotters for the week of March 31

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Mar. 16
A fire report has been issued for a vehicle fire at North U.S. highway 71.

Mar. 17
A summons has been issued to **Marissa D. Herring**, 20, for minor in possession at 300 block North Market.

A summons has been issued to **Justin Z.C. Lederer**, 19, for driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, failure to maintain

lane of travel, possession of another's driver license, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia at 300 block North Main.

A summons has been issued to **Christopher D. Keck**, 19, for minor in possession and false info to a public safety officer at 300 block North Main.

A summons has been issued to **Ashten H. Surrite**, 18, for minor in possession and false info to a public safety officer at 300 block North Main.

A summons has been issued to

Kiana E. Stuart, 19, for minor in possession and possession of another's driver license at 300 block North Main.

A summons has been issued to **Bernard L. Reed**, 22, for driving while revoked, displaying the plates of another, and possession of drug paraphernalia at 2500 block Aurora Avenue.

Mar. 18
A summons has been issued to **Zachary A. Davis**, 21, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at 400 block North Market.



North West to Northwest

Kim and Kanye announce their daughter will be a bearcat

REBECCA BOREN
A&E Editor | @beccalynnboren

A future Bearcat has been born and raised in the spotlight and she cannot wait to bring her fame to Northwest’s campus.

Kim and Kanye West have decided their baby girl, 2-year-old North, will be a Bearcat.

The 2-year-old has already been making fashion statements sporting her tutus and matching outfits with her mother, but she is excited to be sporting Northwest green.

Kanye is hopeful for North’s college career, but is not so sure about her education concerning history.

“I liberate minds with my music. That’s more important than liberating a few people from apartheid or whatever,” Kanye said.

Hollywood started questioning the West’s family decision and wondered what quality of education North would receive at a public institution, but Kim was quick to retort.

“There’s so many haters and negative things, I really don’t care,” Kim said.

As far as what her major is, her parents are giving North free range to choose what she pleases. Kanye’s only restriction is his daughter cannot become a writer.

“Sometimes people write novels and they just be so wordy and so self-absorbed,” Kanye said. “I am a proud non-reader of books.”

Looks like North won’t be applying to write for The Missourian anytime soon.

But writing is not the only activity offered on campus. Greek Life is an important community present at Northwest and North is interested in rushing Alpha Sigma Alpha.

“As an organization, we really value being well-rounded wom-

en who exhibit poise and purpose,” sophomore Alpha Sigma Alpha Public Relations chair Allie Weekly said. “We live by our aims to achieve academically, physically, spiritually and socially.”

As far as keeping the balance between being a full-time student and sorority duties, Weekly is confident North will be able to handle it.

“Given North can keep up her grades and be a loving sister to her fellow sisters, we think she would be a wonderful addition to our sorority...” Weekly said. “North seems like she would be a unique addition to our organization and I’m sure would happily live out our ideals on a daily basis.”

Although joining a sorority can keep a girl very busy, Kim knows it is important to be involved in various activities to keep busy and social.

“(She’d) be foolish not to take the opportunities coming (her) way,” Kim said.

Not only is it important to be involved socially, but as freshman Tony Carstenson knows, it is important to acknowledge the importance of academics.

“My advice to North is not to party too hard her first semester or she will mess up,” Carstenson said.

He also advises her to take care of her physical shape as well as her mental one.

“Volleyball and track are sports that girls enjoy and can help them stay physically fit,” Carstenson said. “It is important to take care of your body. That affects your studies as well.”

The transition from high school to college is difficult for most students. When there is fame in the mix, the transition can only be harder. Despite this, Kanye is still set on sending North to college to gain a quality education and, eventually, get a well

paying job.

“I am not sure what is better,” Kanye said. “Getting paid or getting laid.”

Freshman Cheyenne Bird has some advice for Kim and Kanye when it’s time for North’s new adventure.

“Kanye might want to try to figure out his debt problem first,” Bird said. “Student loans are only going to add to the issue.”

She also adds that it will not be a good idea to stand up on stage at North’s graduation and tell all of the other students North deserves Summa Cum Laude because she had the best transcript anyone has ever seen. It probably won’t go over well with friends and family.

Regardless of her fame, Northwest will accept North as it would any other student. She will be treated equally and be expected to perform as any other student.

However, Kim is not worried in the slightest about North’s success at Northwest as long as she is willing to put in the time and effort.

“I was saying earlier to my friends, ‘I wonder what (North’s) first job is going to be.’ And they were like, ‘What? She’s going to have a job?’ And I was like, ‘Are you kidding me? Of course she is.’ She will have to work for what she wants,” Kim said.

North could not be reached for comment, but the press is anxiously awaiting where Kim and Kanye plan on sending their newest child, Saint, to school. Will he follow his big sister’s footsteps? Or will he take his own path to success? Stay tuned to find out.

*Disclaimer: Happy April Fool’s Day, Bearcats! This article was fake, but I hope it made you laugh.



Don't be fooled April 1

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A&E Reporter | @SquidneyO

Every year April 1 comes and goes. It is the Super Bowl Sunday of dad jokes, cringe worthy pranks, tall tales and PR stunts brought to us by major media outlets and friends.

April 1, 1700, English pranksters began popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other.

Although the day also known as All Fools' Day has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery. Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582 when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize the start of the new year had moved to Jan. 1 continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1, becoming the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to ancient festivals such as Hilaria, which was celebrated in Rome at the end of March and involved people dressing up in disguises. There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, websites, radio and TV stations have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees. Numerous viewers were fooled.

In 1985, Sports Illustrated tricked many of its readers when it ran a false article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1996, Taco Bell duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell.

In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.

Media companies are not the only ones participating in the first day of April tomfoolery. Northwest students help continue this crazy tradition. Sophomore Katie Pesek and junior Hannah Browning have been the butt of jokes and the pranksters on this silly holiday.

Browning said she isn't much of a prankster, but she does like to stand outside of her best friend Spencer's door and scare her. Pesek's pranks are family related.

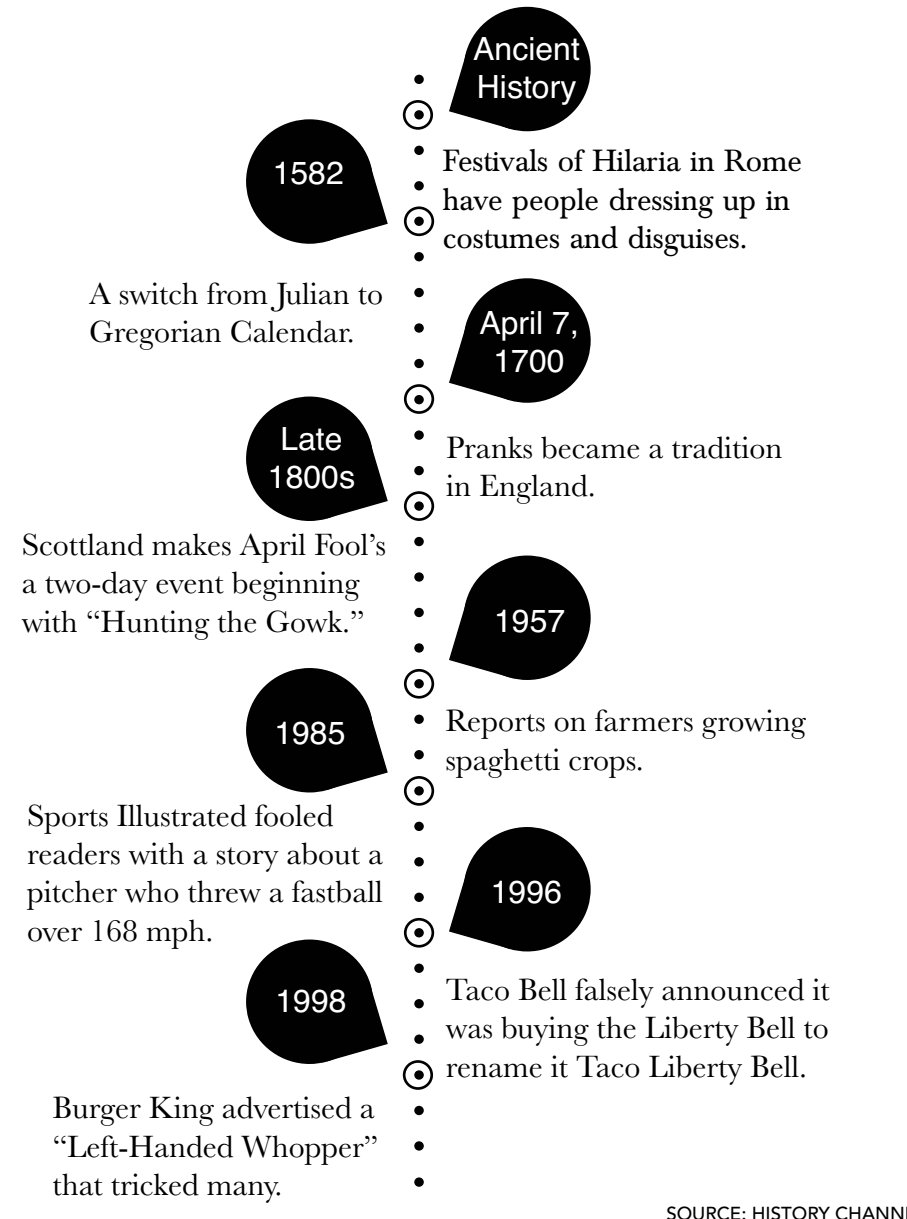
"I once fed my brother an Oreo filled with toothpaste," Pesek said. "He then proceeded to chase me around the house. I am a run so he had no chance of catching me."

Browning remembers a time when she fell to the shenanigans of April 1.

"My third grade teacher got together with the other third grade teacher and they played a prank on the entire third grade," Browning said. "They gave us this long talk about how we had to switch teachers for the rest of the year and I was so upset because the other teacher was so mean and my teacher was awesome. A lot of kids cried but then they were like 'April Fools.'"

Rather you have fallen victim or been the fooler everyone finds good fun in this age old tradition of tomfoolery.

The Evolution of Pranking



How to fail a drug test without doing drugs

a short story by Hannah Kludy

So, just so you know, this has absolutely nothing to do with poppy seeds. This has to do with having a lot of anxiety and being forced to pee in a cup.

I was looking for a summer job when I saw there was an opening at a local hospital. Clerical work in the emergency room seems like it might not be the most glamorous way to spend a summer, but it will pay the bills. It was also going to pay for my book and shopping addiction. After three emails, an interview and a ton of paperwork, I was called in for a drug test.

No big deal, right? I'm on the straight and narrow. My parents

made me watch Cops every Saturday night. This should have been no big deal. I go into the office and the nice lady in HR tells me that she's going to give me a flu shot, just for precautions. Shots make me nervous, so I ask to go pee before. I make my trip to the small, disinfectant scented restroom and head back for my shot. She didn't have any lollipops or Dora the Explorer Band-Aids, but she did offer to walk me over to the main building afterwards so I could take my drug test.

I have a nervous disposition, and the shot had left me feeling all out of place. I took a deep breath, and another,

and then went to sit in the waiting room. Some other wonderfully nice nurse called me up to the desk and walked me through the paperwork and handed me my cup. I headed into the bathroom (this one was a little bigger and had posters of germs on the walls) and tried. Remember that nervous bathroom break I took a while back? Yep, you guessed it. I couldn't pee. I asked the nurse if I could wait a little and drink some water.

"Sure hon, the water cooler is just outside the door." She smiled at me like weird kids came in there and did this all the time.

I sat, drank water and played

Candy Crush and my mind began setting me up for failure. I could picture the sweet nurse calling me on the phone in a week.

"Your test came back negative, but honey, did you know that you're pregnant?"

It was ridiculous, highly improbable, but I was scared out of my mind. My hands were sweating and I thought I might vomit. I tried doing the birth-control failure rate mathematics. There was a 99.99 percent accuracy statistic, so I told myself to breathe. How many times had I actually had sex in my life? This is just the kind of stuff you think, when

you're anxious, I told myself strictly.

After an agonizing half an hour when I finally ran out of lives on Candy Crush, I told the nurse that I felt ready to take my test. I took care of my business, and turned in my pee sample.

"I'll see you soon, then," the nurse called to me, letting me know that she had full confidence in me.

Here's where I really messed it up. "Hopefully," I responded, smiling at my shoes, feeling cold dread in the pit of my stomach. My poor adorable nurse just looked at me really quizzically, head tilted and lips pursed.

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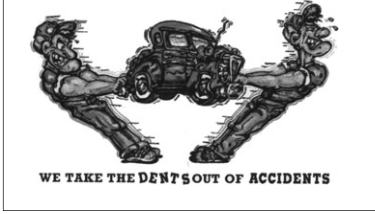
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Women do not actually care about inequity. A man is considered a player and a woman is considered a slut? The real reason we want to change the mindset is actually so men become the sluts and women can brag to their friends about how many times they have gotten laid.

The gender pay gap? It is all a myth created by women. The real goal for women is to create work camps for men to spend all their time cooking, cleaning and rearing the children while women go out and party.

Then there is the dress code issue. Women are required to cover up to prevent men from being distracted from their studies or to prevent themselves from being sexually harassed. We don't care about valuing education equally or being able to wear what we want in public without worrying about sexual predators. We want to wear revealing clothes to secretly hypnotize men into rubbing our feet and buying us flowers.

Body image is a huge feminist issue. Here's a secret about all wom-

en: our biggest dream does not include a knight in shining armor. Our dream is to eat whatever we want whenever we want and not get fat. So, ideally these work camps would have men working on producing a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup just as delicious as normal ones, but without any calories.

I hate to be the one to break it to you, but someone had to say it. Feminists are taking over the world and men are only going to suffer because of it.

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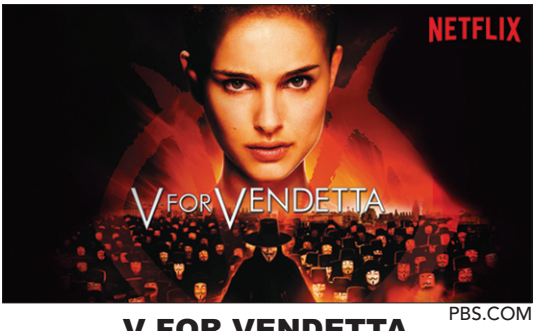
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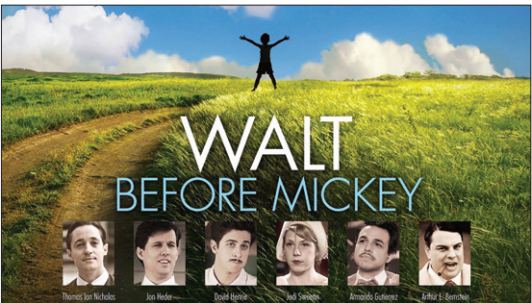
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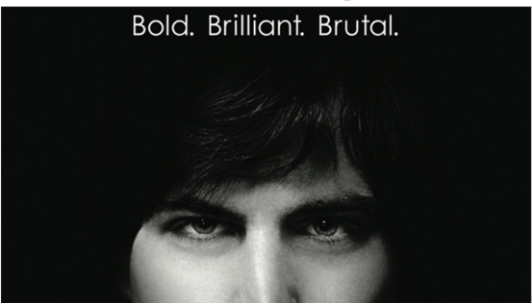


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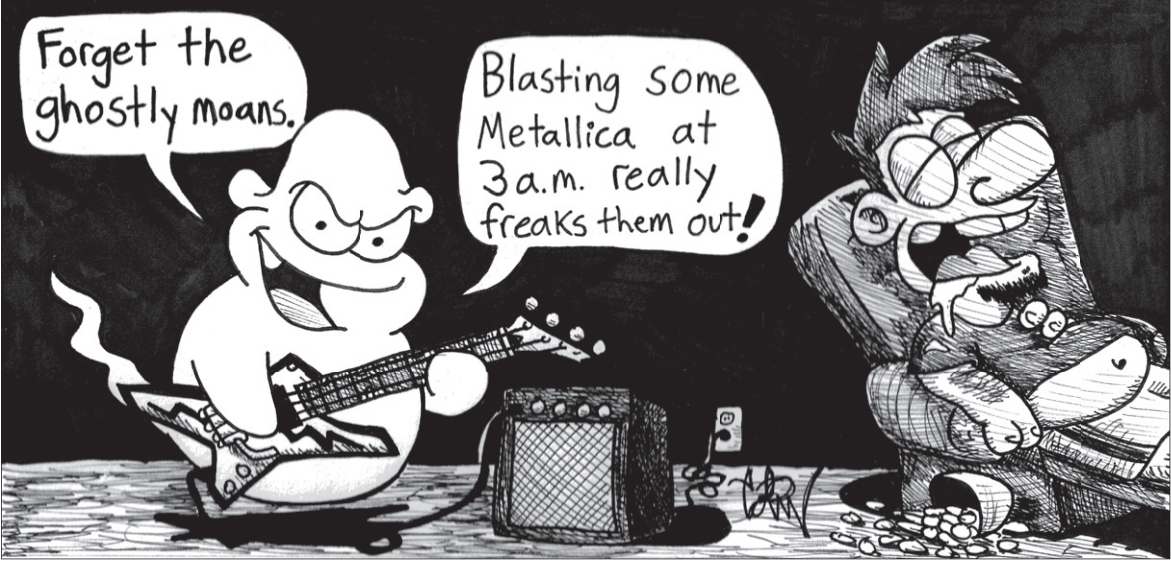
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Reformation
of myself

a short story by Korbin Jones

To be sculpted out of marble in the image of a god or an incandescent man would be the greatest and easiest honor. The chiseled masterpieces that did nothing but stand and allow the chipping away of pieces.

I have had to manifest within myself beauty. I was not given the opportunity to have masterful hands craft my vessel to be gazed upon.

I've had to draw constellations between my broken ribs. Tasked to condense grainy stardust in my lungs so that galaxies could form and spin and break in symphonic unison. Carving myself from the inside out. I twisted blood vessels like yarn, knitting intricate patterns across threadbare shoulders.

I have heaved myself.

Beauty — fashioned — out of — dust.

To find elegance in that which I have crafted out of wreckage.

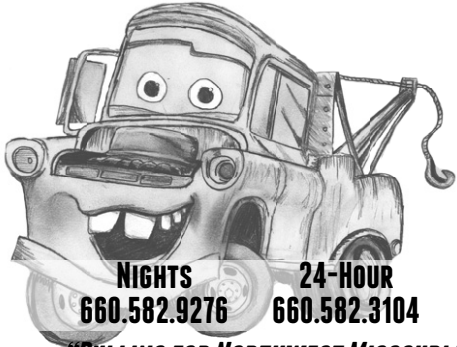
Hollow promise drifts beneath the surface like a distracted mermaid, unbothered by the algae that collects on her flaking scales. Hands grazing through sand and muck, searching for something she can't quite remember. Her fingers brush scallops capable of scraping, but her mind is transfixed with the shifting tides and the descending nets. She will tangle herself in the terminal mesh, and wait for them to reel her in. When they take a knife to the swollen body and cut away the sodden husk, the jewels that she swallowed will spill out on the deck, covered in bile and the hope that she smothered.

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The Spoofhound soccer team has many weapons on its side and a few of them have already been on display early on in the first couple matches of the season.

Maryville has played three matches so far, going for a combined 2-1. The team has scored a total of 12 goals and allowed only two in that span.

The season kicked off on home turf as the girls picked up their first victory of the year, blanking Kansas City Lutheran 5-0.

It was a dominating effort all around by the Spoofhound team on both offense and defense. It was a special afternoon for senior Mollie Holtman as she notched three goals for the team, giving her the hat-trick.

“I liked her play in the Lutheran game, but I like her leadership more,” coach Dale Reuter said. “I like the fact that she keeps going. The idea is to be successful and take good shots. Some will go in and some of them won’t.”

Other goals from the Spoofhounds came from sophomore Lydia Mitchell and junior Meagan Yarnel.

The forwards cannot take all the credit though, as the Spoofhounds’ back line was in solid form as well. Seniors Jacquelyn Ware and Leah Jasinski and juniors Annika Johnson and Kaylee Spire are the brick wall to Maryville’s defense this season. Against Lutheran, the girls did not allow a single goal and played big into the Spoofhounds’ comfortable victory. Some credit also has to be given to newly appointed goalkeeper Abbey Greeley.

“We have a good defense,” Reuter said. “Those four girls that play that defensive line are girls that you can rely on game in and game out.”

It was a different story Monday as Maryville fell 2-0 to Grain Valley. The Spoofhound forwards couldn’t get anything going as they were not able to muster a single goal.

“We didn’t capitalize on the opportunities we had,” Reuter said. “They are a good team.”

One of the problems the Spoofhounds ran into was playing on turf. This was uncharted territory for the girls as it is something they don’t experience in their day-to-day operations.

“It makes a difference,” Reuter said. “The ball goes a little bit faster and that’s a big factor.”

This was only Maryville’s third loss in its last 22 games for the soccer team dating back to the beginning of last season. After the loss, the girls had little time to ponder the defeat as they had to gear up for Lafayette the very next day. Reuter had little time to recuperate his squad for the journey ahead.

“The message for us is to just keep going,” Reuter said. “Play to your ability. With four games this week, we just have to stay focused.”

The short period between matches had no effect on the girls as the Spoofhounds leveled the Fighting Irish 7-0.

“It’s big, it’s great confidence,” Reuter said. “When you have that success, you’re able to feel a little better in your ability to play the game and that’s what the game is about.”

Holtman came through again for the Spoofhounds, tacking on three more goals once again. This was her second hat-trick in three games.

“I got a few opportunities that went in my favor,” Holtman said. “It feels good that when our team is playing good, not just me.”

Indeed her team was playing good as the back four of the Spoofhounds’ defense pitched its second shutout of the year.

“Our defense is amazing,” Holtman said. “They are the reason we can be so successful because our offense can always rely on a strong defense.”

It wasn’t an easy win as it was scoreless early. In the minute 21, Yarnel struck making it 1-0.

“Once Yarnel had that first goal, that really set the tone and knew that



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Sophomore Lydia Mitchell participates in team drills during practice March 14. The Spoofhounds are off to a 2-1 start.

we needed to strike some more,” Holtman said.

The Spoofhounds took a deep breath and understood they were the better team on the pitch.

Early on in the second half, Maryville exploded for three goals in less than six minutes, giving it

a commanding four goal lead, and never looked back as it tacked on three more later in the match.

Kylie made two goals along with Mollie’s sister Maddie Holtman notching in a goal for the team.

“Having this win really boosts our confidence,” Holtman said. “We

needed this game going into the Savannah match.”

The girls will return to action at Savannah this Thursday at 5 p.m.

NEXT GAME

Maryville @ Savannah
Thursday, March 31 @ 5 p.m.

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Senior Chloe Wichmann finished the heptathlon in first place with a two-day total of 4635 points, establishing a NCAA provisional mark. Senior Derrick Schluter finished the decathlon with 6732 points, surpassing the NCAA provisional qualification by 500 points.

The start to the season represents a smooth transition to the outdoor season training program, something

which Grundmayer admits takes a long time.

“During indoor season, we just kind of train through indoor conference,” Grundmayer said. “It is kind of strength and endurance. In the outdoor season, we work on speed and faster reps.”

The Bearcats compete April 2. The relays mark the first time that the Bearcats enter an event with a full team.

“Going into the first full meet, you have to compete without thinking,” Grundmayer said. “We have expectations of setting the standards

and really coming together as a team. During the outdoor season, you really have time to see your teammates compete in the other events.”

Senior Nolan Zimmerman and sophomore Samantha Laurenzo will also be traveling to San Francisco State to compete in the San Francisco Distance Carnival April 2.

“We are looking forward to getting started,” Lorek said. “This weekend is when the outdoor season really takes off.”

GOLF CONTINUED FROM A14

On the bright side, the youth presented by this year’s team allows for some optimism. With only one senior, Maryville native Brooke Byland, there is still a significant amount of improvement yet to be discovered.

“In my opinion, our youth is a strength,” Peterson said. “Brooke is solid and we know what we’re going to get from her. The younger girls can still improve considering they haven’t competed during the spring in high school. They will continue to get experience and hopefully drop two or three strokes every round.”

Although the potential for growth is a perceived strength according to Peterson, the lack of experience can also be a hindrance considering they have not competed against the type of scorers they have to every week.

“What we’re looking for from the girls is continual improvement,” Peterson said. “Whether it’s mental decisions or whatever. The younger girls have to adjust to the spring weather and get used to traveling long distances considering they really didn’t travel far in high school.”

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NEXT MEET
April 4-5
Bear State Bank Invitational
Mountain Home, Arkansas

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Anthony Caenpeel



The junior pitcher struck out a career high 13 batters in a 6-1 win over Nebraska Kearney March 29. He allowed six hits and one run.

Rebecca Maher



The sophomore infielder recorded three doubles for the third time in her career against Missouri Western March 29. She is the fourth Bearcat to do this in the softball program’s history.

SPOOFHOUNDS



Jake Woods



The sophomore went 3-3 in the Spoofhounds 9-0 victory over Benton March 28. Woods also recorded two doubles and scored two runs.

Kylie Reuter



The senior scored two goals in the 7-0 Spoofhound victory over Lafayette March 29.

Doubles play reaches new heights on both sides



Senior Alvaro Riveros celebrates after his singles victory against Matt Barlow of Washburn, March 28.

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The men’s and women’s tennis teams are now midway through the season and are seeking to hit full stride heading into MIAA action.

The men jumped to the top of the conference after their first conference match against the No. 25 ranked Washburn Ichabods. The team has been in top form as of late, only losing two matches thus far, both to Division I opponents. This has put the men ranked No. 16 in Division II.

“Win or lose, the level is so much higher,” Rosewell said. “We’re a pretty good team.”

The women have had a rocky start to the season, but show solid signs of improvement over the last couple matches. They are tied for second in the conference, winning both of their first two MIAA competitions.

“I really like that we’re fighting and playing as a team,” sophomore Aneik Kolen said. “We can continue to work on doubles. We’re just so close and we are just a few points away.”

The work has definitely paid off as the No. 1 doubles team Alvaro Riveros/ Sergi Fontcuberta on the men’s side upset the 16th nationally ranked team of Aleja Valarezo Plaza /Blake Hunter 8-6. This, followed by victories from the No. 2 and No. 3 double tandems of Romain Boissinot/Aymeric Autones and Mauro Tete/Josef Altmann gave Northwest the early 3-0 advantage.

On the singles side, Riveros, Fontcuberta, Tete and Fin Glowick all picked up wins to seal the victory 7-2 over the Ichabods, moving the men to 10-2 overall.

“We are really coming together,” Rosewell said. “Luis has worked a lot with them with doubles play and strategies and it has shown.”

For the women, the stakes couldn’t have been higher. Before the match, the women were two games below .500 and staring at an uphill battle the rest of the



season if they hadn’t played the way they did.

“Someone’s been hurt every match and it’s sort of been a struggle,” Rosewell said. “When you don’t have your people, you’re going to get beat.”

The beginning was not what the women were looking for as the doubles teams of Andrea Gallardo/Kaja Emersic and Lorena Rivas Jarolim /Vilune Sestokaite fell. The doubles tandem of Margaux Jacquet/ Kolen were able to pick up its eighth win as a team and represented the only doubles tally for the Bearcats, putting the women in an early 2-1 hole.

With its back pinned against the wall, Northwest cranked up the heat on the singles side as every woman won her individual match. The team as a whole was impressive, showing that it could fight through adversity during an important point in the season, winning 7-2.

“It was a huge win for us,” Rosewell said. “I thought it was the best we played all season. Of course, we had our whole team.”

Over the first half of the season, a key player on the women’s side has been No. 3 spot Kolen. She picked up two victories Monday as well as four other wins during last week’s set of matches. Though she played well, Kolen dealt with multiple injuries involving her hand. These injuries have resulted in surgeries on both her pinky and index finger.

“She’s a great tennis player,” Rosewell said. “We need her to be at 100 percent.”

According to Kolen’s surgeon, it is not a tennis related injury. The odds have just not been in the young Dutch athlete’s favor.

“It’s just bad luck,” Aneik said.

Rosewell notched his 1,028th and 1,029th career win and will look to increase that total this Friday as both teams will host Cameron University at 11 a.m. on campus at the Frank Grube Courts.

NEXT GAME
Cameron University @ Northwest
Friday, April 1 @ 11 a.m.

Early success leaves hope for promising season

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Maryville High School Boys Tennis looks to expand its play after a narrow victory over Savannah.

The Spoofhounds defeated Savannah 5-4 March 22. This is something the team was not able to do in three matches against the Savages last season. Head coach Nicole McGinness enjoyed the positive outcome and feels this win could be a match that guides the team for the rest of the year.

“The varsity players did play really hard and really well,” McGinness said. “Savannah is a tough team and being able to go out and win was really good. When you start off doing well, things will usually go well for the rest of the season.”

McGinness was specifically impressed with the performances from senior Tristan Lyle and sophomore Lucas Jasinski who had varsity experience last season.

“Lyle did amazing in singles,” McGinness said. “Jasinski played in the No. 5 spot and won 8-1. He really came out and played well through his first match.”

Leadership like this will be something the team looks to reflect throughout the season.

The varsity squad also consists of senior Joe Suchan, junior Brady Archer and sophomores Peter Kempf and Chance Heremelink. Lyle and Suchan were the only team members who played varsity full time last season. Despite this factor, Lyle feels the other six mem-

bers have developed the mentality to be on varsity based on their performance against Savannah.

“A lot of the younger guys have really stepped up since we lost eight or nine seniors,” Lyle said. “They are handling it pretty well. They handle a lot more than I did. My first game I just kind of mentally lost it. They seem to be pretty in tune, and it didn’t seem to shock them when they played in their first varsity match.”

Despite the mentality, McGinness still sees room for improvement within her team’s technique.

“We really need to work on playing when there is wind,” McGinness said. “We also really need to work on our footwork and serving.”

The next test for the Spoofhounds occurs against Lafayette. The Spoofhounds defeated the Fighting Irish in both of their meetings last season.

“I am looking to get a win,” Lyle said. “It will be Joe and I’s test in doubles. It will be a tough one. If our younger guys can keep their heads, they can win their individual matches.”

McGinness also added a positive outlook to the matchup against the Fighting Irish based on the outcome from their matchups last year.

“Lafayette returns a couple of really good players,” McGinness said. “It will be a good match, but I think we can get them.”

The results of this match were unavailable at the time of publication.

NEXT GAME
Bishop LeBlond @ Maryville
Tuesday, April 5 @ 11 a.m.



Senior Joe Suchan prepares to serve against Savannah, March 22. The Spoofhounds won the match 5-4.

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BASEBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.....	21-6	13-3
Central Missouri.....	15-8	13-3
Central Oklahoma.....	19-8	11-5
Missouri Western.....	19-8	11-5
Missouri Southern.....	19-7	9-7
Washburn.....	14-12	9-7
Nebraska Kearney.....	12-13	9-7
*NORTHWEST.....	14-13	9-8
Northeastern St.....	14-12	8-8
Southwest Baptist.....	13-13	8-8
Fort Hays St.....	13-14	7-9
Lindenwood.....	11-13	5-11
Pittsburg St.....	6-19	1-15
Lincoln.....	1-25	0-16

April 1-3
Pittsburg State at NORTHWEST

April 19
NORTHWEST at Nebraska Kearney

SOFTBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Pittsburg St.....	28-9	12-0
Missouri Western.....	26-10	11-3
Central Oklahoma.....	24-10	9-3
Central Missouri.....	20-14	9-3
*NORTHWEST.....	25-9	9-5
Northeastern St.....	22-15	8-6
Fort Hays St.....	13-20	7-9
Missouri Southern.....	18-23	6-8
Emporia St.....	15-20	4-6
Southwest Baptist.....	13-25	5-9
Washburn.....	14-16	4-8
Nebraska Kearney.....	14-20	5-11
Lindenwood.....	8-24	5-11
Lincoln.....	3-32	2-14

April 2
Nebraska Kearney at NORTHWEST(DH)

April 3
Fort Hays St at NORTHWEST (DH)

MEN’S TENNIS

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
*NORTHWEST.....	10-1	1-0
Washburn.....	9-4	2-1
Emporia St.....	13-3	1-1
Nebraska Kearney.....	11-0	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	6-5	0-0
Lindenwood.....	5-6	0-2

April 1
Cameron at NORTHWEST

April 2
Emporia State at NORTHWEST

April 3
NORTHWEST at Nebraska Kearney

WOMEN’S TENNIS

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Northeastern St.....	9-2	4-0
Lindenwood.....	6-4	2-0
*NORTHWEST.....	6-6	2-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	10-3	2-1
Washburn.....	5-6	2-2
Southwest Baptist.....	9-3	1-1
Missouri Western.....	5-2	1-2
Central Oklahoma.....	12-5	1-2
Emporia St.....	9-6	1-2
Fort Hays St.....	6-7	0-3
Lincoln.....	0-3	0-3

April 1
Cameron at NORTHWEST

April 2
Emporia State at NORTHWEST

April 3
NORTHWEST at Nebraska Kearney

Northwest ends four-game skid

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The Northwest baseball team feels back on track defensively on the mound and at the plate heading into its series this weekend. The Bearcats displayed a complete game Tuesday, defeating Nebraska Kearney at home, 6-1.

Northwest (14-13, 9-8) ended a four game skid thanks to a multitude of performances. Junior pitcher Anthony Caenepeel picked up the win going 8.0 innings while striking out a career high 13 batters. He allowed just one run on six hits.

Senior pitcher Carson Smith finished the game in the ninth, diminishing any last hope Nebraska Kearney had for a comeback.

At the plate, the Bearcats saw three batters record two hits or more. Senior Derek Meyer finished 2-for-2 with a double and RBI. Sophomore Kevin Handzlik added three hits in four attempts. Junior James Holler delivered the most damage with three doubles, driving home four runs.

"It was a tough day to hit with the wind, so I knew the pitchers were going to challenge us with a lot

of fastballs," Holler said. "I was able to put a few good swings on some pitches."

As the victory avenges its loss to Nebraska Kearney earlier in the season, Northwest now turns its attention to MIAA rival Pittsburg State. With last weekend's sweep to MIAA power Central Missouri, head coach Darin Loe wants to see his team respond to how it has played recently.

"It's a long season and obviously last weekend wasn't what we wanted," Loe said. "At the same time, I thought we played good baseball, especially late. So we're looking to use that and capitalize this weekend with Pittsburg State coming up."

Pittsburg State (6-20, 1-16) carries a six game losing streak into Maryville. The Bearcats want to continue their winning ways while not allowing the Gorillas to gain any confidence.

"I think the most important thing for us is to continue to play our game," Meyer said. "Every weekend in the MIAA is a battle, so we need to go about our business like any other weekend. If we do that and trust our preparation, we will be just fine. Our goal is to win as many conference games as we can, no matter what the record or the losing streak

of our opponent is."

Northwest continues to show its ability to cut down on losing streaks, something the team struggled with all last season.

"I think (Tuesday's) game was a big chance for us to take some momentum into this weekend," Holler said. "We had a tough couple of games at (Central Missouri) last weekend, and we have a big opportunity to get back on track this coming weekend with (Pittsburg State)."

Loe also wants to see his team take the next step in capitalizing on its performance as of late.

"I think any baseball season is about getting into a flow," Loe said. "You just need to minimize those losing streaks and capitalize on the winning streaks and just keep plugging away."

Northwest aims to do just that, hosting Pittsburg State beginning this Friday at 3 p.m. and again Saturday at 2 p.m., finishing the series Sunday at 1 p.m.

WEEKEND SERIES
Pittsburg State @ Northwest
Friday, 3 p.m.
Saturday, 2 p.m.
Sunday, 1p.m.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Kevin Handzlik collected three runs off three hits in Northwest's 6-1 victory over Nebraska-Kearney March 29. Northwest is 14-13 on the season.

Boys baseball rebounds after opening game defeat

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After losing by one run to Savannah in the season opener, Maryville rebounded by shutting out Benton 9-0 in its first home game of the season.

The Cardinals beat the Spoofhounds in district play last season and that game has not left the players' minds since.

"Everyone was high energy and it was good," junior John Zimmerman said. "Mostly because we beat Benton, which beat us in districts last year. It left a sour taste in our mouths, so it felt good to get a little revenge."

Not only did the Spoofhounds have motivation from last season's game against Benton, they also had

motivation after coming up short in their season opener. Savannah beat them 3-2 and head coach Monica Woods is using that loss to build on.

"The biggest thing (in the first game) is that we didn't string hits together like we needed to," Monica said. "You cannot always guarantee hits."

The Spoofhounds were able to strike first, tacking on runs in the second and third innings. However, Savannah responded with a run of its own in the second and two more in the third. Junior Trey Hoover led the way with two hits.

Zimmerman, who was named to the First Team All-MEC conference team and All-Class 3, District 16 team for his success in basketball, carried that success over with him to baseball as he drove in one of the two runs scored against Savannah.

"It's good to know that my effort and what I did this year (in basketball) is being recognized," Zimmerman said. "It gives me momentum to carry into the season. Hopefully I can stay hot and ride that energy."

Zimmerman continued his hitting against Benton.

He was one of eight Spoofhounds that reached base and one of six that had a base hit. He also scored a run in the fifth inning after Jake doubled to drive him in. Jake went 3-for-3 in the game with two doubles and two runs.

"It feel really good to start the season hitting well. I struggled most of the year last year hitting and couldn't find it," Jake said. "So it feels good starting the year on a good note."

Junior Alex Bean and senior Keston Oltman got into the offen-

sive affair as they went 2-for-4 with one RBI and 2-for-3 with two RBI singles respectively.

Maryville not only hit well against Benton, it also played great defense to go along with dominant pitching and aggressive base path running. All phases of the game were clicking Monday night.

"It felt good (getting that first win). We had solid defense and were able to put hits together back-to-back and the pitching was solid, so I was pleased with the game all the way around," Monica said. "I think we were more aggressive on the base paths and took advantage of the errors that they made. The first game was very well played both ways so there wasn't very many errors to capitalize on."

The dominate pitching came down to two men as Jake and Bean

combined to throw seven scoreless innings and each only gave up one hit apiece. Jake pitched the first five innings and had a no-hitter going into the fifth when he let up his only hit. Bean pitched the last two innings to close out the game.



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NEXT GAME
Lafayette @ Maryville
Thursday, March 31 @ 4:30 p.m.



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Northwest Athletics department named Buck Scheel the new women's head basketball coach for the next season.

Sheel sheds interim tag

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After the Northwest women's basketball team concluded the season uncertainty surrounded the program. Some of that uncertainty can be put to rest after Director of Athletics Mel Tjeerdsma introduced Scheel as the permanent head coach Tuesday.



The school conducted a wide-range search across the country and received more than 100 applicants. When the hiring process concluded, Northwest decided Scheel was the perfect match to guide the team into the unseeable future.

"He's the one that is going to lead us back to the top of the MIAA," Tjeerdsma said. "His approach that he had to the challenge of being an interim coach was great. He just took it and moved forward with it. I think he did a great job of getting the most out of our team in that type of a situation."

Northwest started the season by winning two of its first 10 games. According to an unnamed player on the team the season took an unfortunate turn after former head coach Michael Smith pushed an unidentified player. The player also confirmed Smith received a two-game suspension prior to his resignation Dec. 18.

Despite the controversy and poor results, the coaching change gave the Bearcats a fresh start and a stable leader.

"I remember the Missouri Southern game, which was his first game as head coach, and the passion he had," freshman guard Macy Williams said. "I remember him stomping his feet and if you came to a game, you'd see that. His intensity and passion gets you really fired up. He never gives up on us. We could be down by 20 and he never looked at us like we were going to lose."

Scheel's time as Northwest's in-

terim head coach proved to be difficult. Despite the change in leadership, the Bearcats finished last in the MIAA and went 3-17 under Scheel's direction.

The Bearcats also lost their last five games to close out the season. Northwest finished the year with the overall record of 5-23 and 3-19 in the MIAA. Scheel said that this was not the first time he has dealt with adversity and that each time he faces it, he becomes stronger.

"I think one thing as a coach and as a person: when you're facing adversity, how you handle that will make you be that much better of a coach or person," Scheel said. "Sometimes you do not know what you're going to do until you are thrown right into it."

Scheel got his first taste of the coaching ranks after finishing college and becoming the head coach at Southwestern Community College.

"When I first started coaching right out of college, I was given an operating budget, a scholarship budget and told not to go over," Scheel said. "That was it, everything else I had to figure out on my own. That was kind of the situation when the interim position came into place (at Northwest). I had to jump right in and go with it."

After his three-year stint at Southwestern Community College, Scheel served as an assistant at State Fair Community College. During his three years at State Fair, Scheel helped guide the team to 68 wins and three Region 16 tournament appearances. State Fair also won the Region 16 tournament in 2011, Scheel's first year with the team.

Scheel hopes to translates his past success to Northwest and restore a winning mentality.

"We have to commit more to our individual improvement first," Scheel said. "I feel once you can really commit yourself individually to bettering your talents, then you can come together as a team."

Track ventures into outdoor season with poise

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The Northwest Missouri State track and field team looks to build off its early success from the start of the season.



The Bearcats have competed in two events, one at Tulsa University, and one which the team hosted. The outcome of both meets show potential for the team leading up to the Emporia State Relays.

"We are just getting going," head coach Scott Lorek said. "We have had a partial group our first two weekends. It was a good run overall for our part."

The season opened as the Bearcats competed in the Tulsa Duels March 19. A total of 19 Bearcats competed against student athletes from 11 different schools.

"It was a really good starting point of the season," junior Tim Grundmayer said. "It was a really

good confidence booster for those injured during the indoor season."

Grundmayer was one of the injured athletes. He finished third in the 800 meter run and was joined by Ryan Cox who finished .1 of a second ahead of Grundmayer.

Juniors Kelsey Lacy and Bryce Sheard, sophomore Nicole Hopkins and freshman Audrey Wichmann also finished in the top five of their respective events.

The Bearcats hosted the Ashley Nally Heptathlon and Herschel Decathlon in Bearcat Stadium March 25 and 26. Seven women and nine men from four different schools competed in the event.

"It went well for us," Lorek said. "Typical track and field. It was absolutely horrible with the rain and the wind never stopped, but that is outdoor track and field season for you."

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Junior Kaley Hauschild (left) and senior Chloe Wickmann participate in the hurdle event at the MIAA Championships March 26.



Freshman Kaleigh Ashen works on her swing during practice March 29.

Golf enters full swing

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After a rough start, the Northwest Missouri State golf team appears to have finally hit its stride.



Although the season technically starts in September, winter forces teams to split the season into two separate parts. Once the first half is concluded, teams wait until March to begin the second half. While having two parts of a season may seem favorable at first, taking a four month break can have significant effects on a player's rhythm and momentum, according to head coach Andy Peterson.

"The first half is kind of like basketball with a few non-conference matchups," Peterson said. "The first half went really well. I felt like we were going in the right direction and then weather forces us to take time off."

Considering the amount to time players have off during the winter months, something must be done to counteract this so players do not get too rusty.

"We have an indoor simulator and a space to hit inside," Peterson said. "But when you can't see the ball flight, it changes things."

In most cases, a simple simulation is no substitute for participating in an actual competition. Hitting inside may give players the chance to shake off some of the accumulated rust, but seeing the point where the ball drops is more beneficial. Because players have been relegated to the inside, that is a luxury they do not have.

As a result, the team struggled in its first outing since returning from the four month hiatus.

"We were really rough coming out of the gate at Missouri Western," Peterson said. "Part of that is because I was not even able to be there

because I was coaching basketball at regionals. One of our graduate assistants stepped in and served as the interim coach for that weekend."

The team placed eighth out of 10 teams during the 2016 Holiday Inn Express Classic at Missouri Western. Freshman Nikki McCurdy recorded the best evening, finishing 30th overall and shooting 83 and 87.

"As the girls get more comfortable with being outside and in the weather, it will get better," Peterson said. "And it did. Last week at Nebraska Kearney was much better."

The team shot a 335 in less than ideal conditions that included 31 degrees with a 21 degree wind-chill.

"On Sunday we put together our best round of the year with 314," McCurdy said. "We are definitely going in the right direction. Now we have to keep improving."

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